

News Release

CANADIAN RIVERS DAY, SUNDAY JUNE 8

RIDEAU VALLEY, May 28, 2008 — The rivers of Canada are much more than photo opportunities and delightful picnic spots. Throughout our history, they have provided fundamental and crucial benefits such as travel routes, security, food, drinking water, power, protection and prosperity to us all for hundreds of years past and will continue to do so for hundreds more with a little respect and tender loving care.

On Sunday, June 8, the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority joins the nation in saluting our past, present and future partnership with our rivers in all their diverse shapes, sizes and speeds from the small bubbling tributary creeks to the mighty rivers flowing to the seas.

Here in the Rideau Valley, in the watershed of the Canadian Heritage Rideau River, you just have to look at the map to see the pattern of towns and villages which took root and grew into prosperous and picturesque settlements alongside or at the junction of the area's major rivers and streams. And that of course is no accident. People benefit from rivers.

Please take a few minutes on Sunday, June 8 to reflect on all the good things that clean healthy rivers bring to us, our families and our communities. It may be our turn to return a little nurturing to these magnificent pieces of our landscape and our lives.

The Canadian Heritage Rivers System, in support of the fifth annual Canadian Rivers Day, has published an attractive poster and is compiling "Rivers Day" events from across the country. You can get information on both from their website at www.chrs.ca (press the Canadian Rivers Day icon). Thanks for thinking about rivers.

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